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Mr. L. E. Nunnally
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Property Management and Disposal Service
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C. 20407

Dear Mr. Nunnally:

In response to your memorandum of 21 May, subject: Notice of Availability of Excess Real Property, the Central Intelligence Agency advises that it has critical requirements for all land which lies south of the extended line forming the southern boundary of that portion proposed to be retained by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as shown within the solid black lines on the enclosed diagram. This statement reiterates the position taken consistently since it has been in Langley that it desires land which might be excess to FHWA needs.

The portion which this Agency needs includes approximately 52 acres (within blue lines on the diagram) which CIA has had under use permit since 1963 and the Scattergood-Thorne tract of approximately 32 acres which, by mutual understanding with FHWA, was considered a natural and necessary addition to the Agency's holdings upon termination of the controlling life tenancies. The balance, totalling 145 acres, is required to accommodate the Agency's long-term building and relocation planning and to provide essential and increasingly important security buffering from public access.

Events in the United States in recent years and months have greatly heightened this Agency's concerns about the security of its installations and especially of its Headquarters area in Langley. Since CIA is more and more frequently identified as a prime target of dissident groups the Agency feels fortunate in not having been involved, thus far, in serious incidents. This

we attribute to the remoteness of the Langley site and earlier protective actions including purchase some years ago of three tracts of land as buffers for the east side of its property. It has been necessary to review and restructure the Agency approach to physical security. To open to the public the area being declared surplus by FHWA would destroy much of the present proposal and would therefore be contrary to the best interests of the Government.

Security considerations also make the proposed placement of the retained FHWA land unacceptable to CIA. The Agency believes it very important that the proposed corridor between CIA and FHWA property be eliminated and that FHWA continue to adjoin directly and also control land, as at present, to its gate junction with the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The desired agreement is bounded in broken green on the enclosed diagram. It is believed that the FHWA would agree with this revision of its surplus declaration.

It is hoped that the above information will result in assignment of the property to CIA and adjustment in the FHWA future location. A formal request on Form 1334 is being submitted without delay.

Sincerely,

(signed) John W. Coffey

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